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ALAMEDA

Dr. Alexis F. Hartmann, professor of pediatrics and head of the department of pediatrics at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, will be visiting lecturer for the fourth annual **Clifford Sweet Lectureship** on May 18, 19 and 20 at Children's Hospital of the East Bay in Oakland. The event was instituted three years ago by the medical staff of the hospital in honor of Dr. Sweet, who is emeritus chief of medicine, and formerly for 30 years was chief of the department of medicine there.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, the program will continue with both morning and afternoon meetings through Thursday and Friday at the hospital, and will culminate with the Sweet lecture on Friday evening following a banquet at the Berkeley Women's City Club in Berkeley. All sessions will be open to physicians interested in attending. Reservations for the Friday night banquet and lecture may be made through Children's Hospital of the East Bay.

SAN FRANCISCO

The California chapter of the **American College of Chest Physicians** will hold a business and scientific meeting in San Francisco at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel, April 30, 1955, the day before the opening of the California Medical Association's annual meeting. The business meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the scientific program at 2 o'clock.

The 21st annual meeting of the national organization, the American College of Chest Physicians, is scheduled for June 1 to 5 at Atlantic City.

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The **Northern California Rheumatism Association** will hold a dinner meeting at the University Club in San Francisco on Saturday, April 30, at 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Dr. Edward W. Boland of Los Angeles, president of the American Rheumatism Association. His subject is "Experiences with the Newer Synthetic Steroids in Rheumatoid Arthritis."

Any physician may make reservations for the dinner by sending a check for \$6.00 to the Northern California Rheumatism Association, 1 Tilton Avenue, San Mateo, California, on or before April 25, 1955.

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The **Christian Medical Society**, Bay Area Chapter, will hold a dinner meeting in San Francisco, Tuesday evening, May 3, at 7 p.m. in the Garden Room of the YWCA. All

interested physicians and their wives are invited to attend. Reservations at \$2.00 a plate may be made by writing to Merrill J. Alexander, M.D., 581 Belvedere St., San Francisco.

GENERAL

The American College of Gastroenterology, in cooperation with the Ames Company of Elkhart, Indiana, recently announced the establishment of the **Ames Award contest for the best papers in gastroenterology**. There will be three classes of awards as follows: for fellows or residents in gastroenterology, two prizes, one of \$250 and the other of \$50; for first or second year interns, two prizes of the same amounts; for the best paper published in *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* during the twelve months ending June 20, 1955, for which no prize has been previously awarded, a prize of \$100. Further information may be obtained from the Research Committee, American College of Gastroenterology, 33 West 60th St., New York 23, N. Y.

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The tenth annual **Schering Award competition** for medical students has opened, it was announced by Robert W. Burlew, M.D., chairman of the award committee. Its aim is to encourage medical writing and exploration of current research literature.

Titles of three subjects on which American and Canadian students are invited to submit papers this year are: Current Concepts in the Management of Osteoporosis; Prevention and Treatment of Blood Transfusion Reactions; and Recent Trends in the Clinical Use of Adrenocortical Steroids.

A \$500 first prize and a second prize of \$250 will be awarded for each of the three subjects. Information and instructions for the award competition are available from the Schering Award Committee, 60 Orange Street, Bloomfield, N. J.

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The 54th annual meeting of the **American Proctologic Society** will be held at the Hotel Statler, New York City, June 1 to 4, 1955, it was announced recently.

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The board of directors of the Passano Foundation recently announced that Dr. Vincent du Vigneaud, professor and chairman of the department of biochemistry, Cornell University Medical College, has been selected as the recipient of the **\$5,000 Passano Foundation Award** for 1955. On Wednesday evening, June 8, during the week of the American Medical Association convention in Atlantic City, a reception and dinner will be held at the Traymore Hotel to honor Dr. du Vigneaud. The award will be formally made at that time. Dr. E. C. Kendall, a former recipient of the award will introduce Dr. du Vigneaud. Dr. Elmer Hess, the incoming president of the A.M.A., will make one of the principal addresses. Officers and trustees of the Association will be among the guests.

The award is made to Dr. du Vigneaud in recognition of his investigation of the chemical and physiologic nature of the hormones of the posterior portion of the pituitary gland. This culminated in the identification and synthesis of oxytocin and vasopressin.